

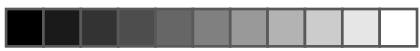


Basiza umkhulu ukuze alulame



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Isikhathi sebhulakufesi.

Umndeni usetafuleni. Balinande umkhulu
ukuthi azohlanganyela nabo.

Umkhulu uyashelela uyawa! Ulimele ingalo!

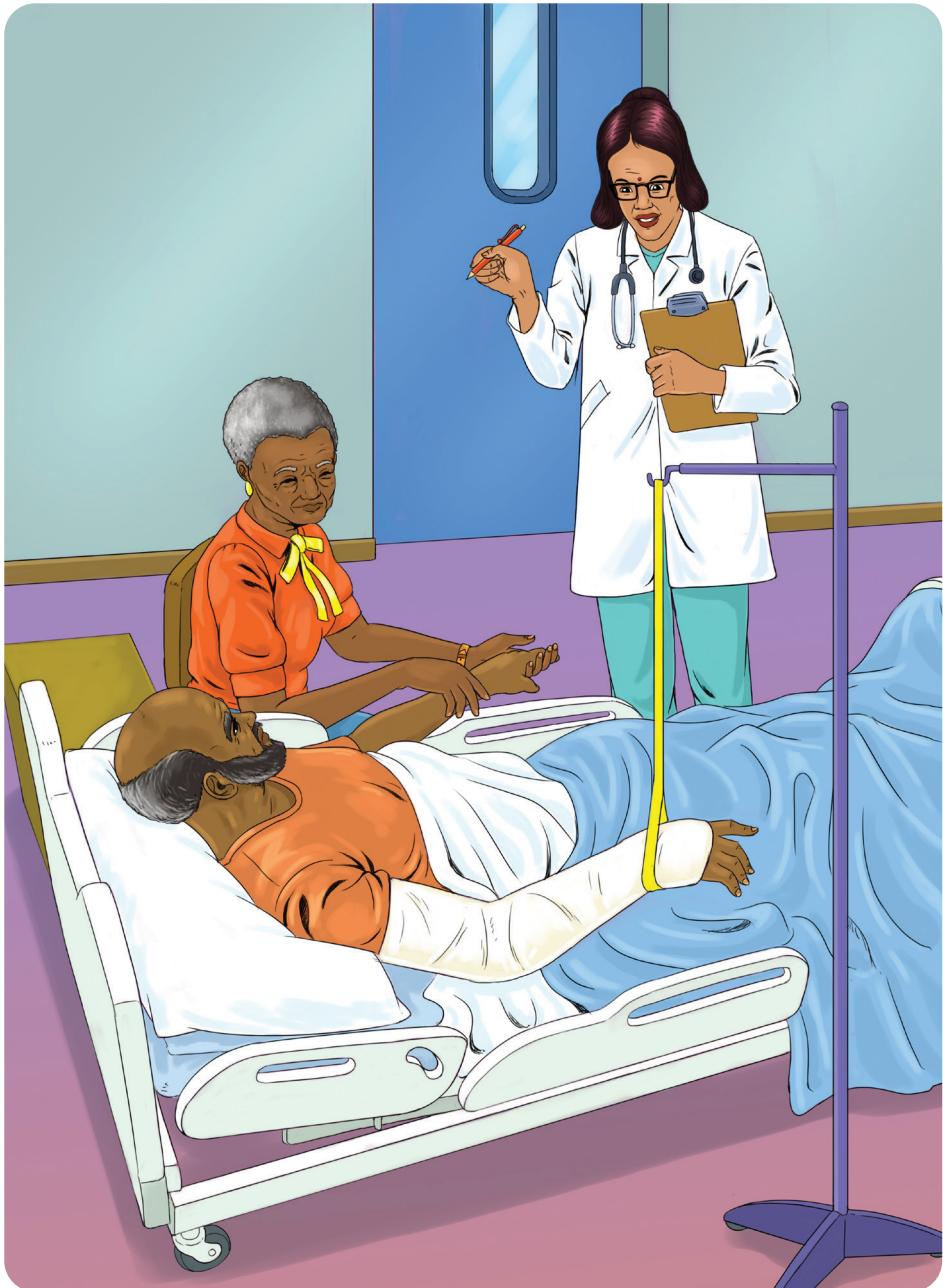


Umkhulu usesibhedlela.

Udokotela uwalungisile amathambo engalo yakhe.

“Kuzomele uhlale esibhedlela amalangana,”
kusho udokotela.

Umkhulu ukhulile, uzothatha isikhathi
ukululama.







NgoMsombuluko, ugogo noThoko beza
esibhedlela ukuzothandazela umkhulu.

“Imithandazo yethu izokusiza ululame,”
kusho uThoko.

“Ngiyabonga,” kusho umkhulu.



NgoLwesibili, umama noFana bamlethela
ama-apula nobhana.

“Izithelo zizokusiza ululame,” kusho uFana.
“Ngiyabonga,” kusho umkhulu.







NgoLwesithathu, ubaba noThoko bamlethela incwadi.

Ukufunda kuzokusiza ululame,” kusho uThoko.

“Ngiyabonga,” kusho umkhulu, ethatha incwadi.



NgoLwesine, umalume noFana bamlethela
umsakazo.

“Ukulalela umsakazo kuzokusiza ululame,”
kusho uFana.

“Ngiyabonga,” kusho umkhulu.







NgoLwesihlanu, udukotela uhlola ingalo kamkhulu.

“Ingalo yakho iphola kahle. Ungaphindela ekhaya. Kuzomele ubuye ngoMsombuluko ngizokuhlola futhi,” kusho udukotela.

“Ngiyabonga,” kusho umkhulu.



Umkhulu ukulungele ukubuyela ekhaya!
UFana nobaba basesibhedlela ukuzomlanda.
“Bonke ekhaya bajabulile ukuthi uyabuya,
Mkhulu!” kusho uFana.







Ekhaya, bonke balungiselela ukubuya
kukamkhulu.

Ugogo ubhake ikhekhe.

Umalume wosa inyama.

Umama uletha amapuleti etafuleni.

UTHOKO ufutha amabhaluni.



Umkhulu ubuyile!

Bonke bajabulile.

“Ngiyabonga mndeni wami,” kusho umkhulu.
“Uthando lwenu lungisizile ukuthi ngilulame!”